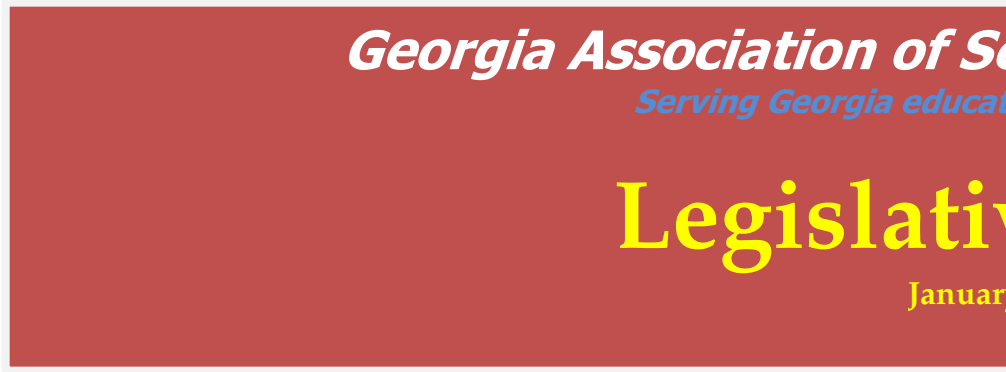


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## The Good, Bad, and Uglier

The Governor (really it's the Office of Planning and Budget) has released the FY2011 and Supplemental FY2010 budgets and they brought no good news. You may review the budgets in their entirety at:

<http://www.opb.state.ga.us/budget-information/budget-publications/governor's-budget-recommendations.aspx>.

There are several points for educators to consider:

1. Included below are the summary sheets which **INCLUDE** federal funds and in some cases hide the extensive cuts that have taken place, e.g. Central Office (DOE). The DOE budget has been cut so much that now over 50% of the DOE staffers are paid from Federal funds, and that may increase to as much as 75% during FY2011.
2. **Three (3)** additional furlough days are prescribed for **this school** year. Many school systems do not have three teacher days left and how they accomplish the furloughs is open to speculation. While there is **NO** mention of additional *furlough days* for FY2011, the QBE funds have been slashed over \$460 million and that directly impacts the number of teachers, therefore the mean work will have to be done by local BOEs—nothing new.
3. RESAs have once again been axed by the Governor. If the cut stands, it will be up to local systems to fund RESAs from local funds.
4. CTAE and Ag Ed have taken a major budget hit. Traditionally the Legislature has been very sympathetic to CTAE and some of those funds may be restored; otherwise Perkins Funds and local funds will have to cover the shortfall.

5. The Governor's Honors Program, once a sacred cow, is cut from six weeks to four weeks!
6. For the record, what the Governor and OPB continue to do with Equalization funds is blatantly illegal. The QBE law requires the Local Fair Share to be reduced accordingly anytime state funding falls below 80% of the cost of instruction. It is now significantly below that and the Local Fair Share has not been reduced. Go figure?
7. The budget as it stands will carry with it an austerity cut of well over \$500 million, raising the total austerity cuts under the current administration to well over **\$2 billion**—it will take a *generation* to restore those funds!
8. The cuts in the Supplemental FY2010 will cause major concern for those systems that are already in financial crisis—no one knows how they can respond. There are a minimum of thirty school systems on the verge of bankruptcy.
9. The only **GOOD** news, if it is news, is that all of this is the Governor's recommendation and the Legislature can/will make some changes, but truthfully, you can't make chicken salad out of chicken feathers. Contacting your legislator is now a matter critical to the continued existence of our profession.

## Governor's Budget Proposal FY2011

### Department of Education

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>FY 2008 Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 2009 Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 2010 Current</u>
<u>Budget</u>	<u>FY 2011 Agency Request</u>	<u>Total FY 2011 Governor's Recommendation</u>	
Academic Coach	2,756,047	2,525,895	2,621,358
	2,272,795	2,279,817	
Agricultural Education	11,962,171	9,386,941	12,423,703
	11,928,094	11,095,730	
Central Office (DOE)	76,042,747	70,750,150	95,087,661
	93,601,516	107,908,892	
Charter Schools	4,698,035	5,641,979	9,980,884
	9,667,893	14,952,023	
Communities in Schools	2,437,010	1,173,347	1,214,973
	1,108,162	1,093,476	
Curriculum Development	2,268,763	1,114,744	1,278,447
	817,787	1,048,117	
<b>Dropout Prevention</b>	<b>40,525,115</b>	<b>49,071,908</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Federal Programs	980,697,353	1,007,753,224	1,024,026,289
	1,024,026,289	1,738,943,672	
GA Learning Res System (GLRS)	8,182,748	8,301,805	8,351,576
	8,351,576	6,153,035	
Georgia Virtual School	4,285,829	3,491,948	5,982,909
	5,934,288	5,624,286	
<b>GA Youth Science Technology</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>
	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	
Governor's Honors Program	1,500,625	1,218,511	1,363,366
	762,170	1,063,633 (4 week program instead of 6)	
Information Technology Services	7,417,307	6,849,088	7,106,850
	6,795,729	3,535,009	

National Board Certification	13,421,113	12,893,991	7,209,486
	7,209,486	0	
National Science Center	1,416,750	675,000	500,000
	500,000	0	
Non QBE Formula Grants	24,939,744	26,339,499	22,670,811
	20,110,207	20,013,272	
Nutrition	499,358,691	540,728,290	507,518,057
	497,847,727	567,642,058	
Preschool Handicapped	29,134,730	29,250,091	29,774,733
	27,157,167	28,465,950	
Pupil Transportation	168,868,763	167,098,251	168,378,905
	151,902,790	143,679,764	
QBE Equalization	485,779,211	556,507,932	436,158,587
	423,073,829	436,158,587	
QBE Local Five Mill Share	(1,542,897,518)	(1,689,780,574)	(1,697,504,730)
	(1,697,504,730)	(1,697,504,730)	
QBE Program	8,125,815,243	7,948,207,531	8,462,587,986
	8,272,029,866	8,029,145,510	
RESAs	12,458,082	10,656,149	12,093,399
	11,029,663	0	
School Improvement	10,978,894	6,831,423	8,435,054
	8,429,048	7,920,288	
School Nurses	30,000,000	29,225,750	29,100,000
	29,100,000	27,499,500	
Severely Emotional Disturbed	81,156,101	79,160,351	82,480,532
	79,534,051	75,631,006	
State Interagency Transfers	339,109,777	150,040,546	110,709,116
	110,709,116	115,194,778	
State Schools	24,139,711	22,880,442	25,120,511
	24,396,758	23,622,664	
Technology/Career Education	40,167,234	42,544,103	51,612,779
	50,567,009	41,404,567	
Testing	36,268,516	35,287,106	36,008,629
	35,393,245	35,001,851	
Tuition for Multi-handicapped	1,658,859	1,658,859	1,658,859
	1,658,859	1,567,622	
SUBTOTAL	\$9,525,047,651	\$9,137,709,280	\$9,464,200,730
	\$9,218,660,390	\$9,749,140,377	
Total Funds	\$9,525,047,651	\$9,137,709,280	\$9,464,200,730
	\$9,218,660,390	\$9,749,140,377	
Less:			
Federal Funds	1,548,324,427	1,613,604,029	1,631,199,767
	1,631,199,767	1,752,308,362	

See <http://www.opb.state.ga.us/budget-information/budget-publications/governor's-budget-recommendations.aspx> for full description of Supplemental FY2010.

## Governor's Supplemental FY2010

<u>Program Area</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Changes</u>	<u>Net FY2010 Budget</u>
Academic Coach	\$2,621,358	(\$531,615)	\$2,089,743
Agricultural Education	12,423,703	(1,033,697)	11,390,006
Central Office	95,087,661	11,058,498	106,146,159 (Increases
come from Federal funds)			
Charter Schools	9,980,884	5,118,981	15,099,865
Communities in Schools	1,214,973	(97,198)	1,117,775
Curriculum Development	1,278,447	(70,330)	1,208,117
Federal Programs	1,024,026,289	714,917,383	1,738,943,672
GA Learning Resources System (GLRS)	8,351,576	(2,198,541)	6,153,035
Georgia Virtual School	5,982,909	(551,989)	5,430,920
Georgia Youth Science and Technology	250,000	(20,000)	230,000
Governor's Honors Program	1,363,366	(48,244)	1,315,122
Information Technology Services	7,106,850	(311,121)	6,795,729
National Board Certification	7,209,486	(288,379)	6,921,107
National Science Center and Foundation	500,000	(40,000)	460,000

Non QBE Formula Grants	22,670,811	(5,674,667)	16,996,144
Nutrition	507,518,057	60,124,001	567,642,058
Preschool Handicapped	29,774,733	(1,455,831)	28,318,902
Pupil Transportation	168,378,905	(26,981,523)	141,397,382
<b>Quality Basic Education Equalization</b>	<b>436,158,587</b>	<b>(17,446,343)</b>	<b>418,712,244</b>
QBE Local Five Mill Share	(1,697,504,730)	0	(1,697,504,730)
<b>QBE Program</b>	<b>8,462,587,986</b>	<b>(479,373,597)</b>	<b>7,983,214,389</b>
(RESAs)	12,093,399	(1,166,170)	10,927,229
School Improvement	8,435,054	(530,707)	7,904,347
School Nurses	29,100,000	(1,164,000)	27,936,000
Severely Emotional Disturbed (SED)	82,480,532	(8,785,949)	73,694,583
State Interagency Transfers	110,709,116	(54,894,104)	55,815,012
State Schools	25,120,511	(2,943,299)	22,177,212
<b>Technology/Career Education</b>	<b>51,612,779</b>	<b>(10,211,442)</b>	<b>41,401,337</b>
Testing	36,008,629	(1,006,778)	35,001,851
Tuition for Multi-handicapped	1,658,859	(66,354)	1,592,505
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,464,200,730</b>	<b>\$174,326,985</b>	<b>\$9,638,527,715</b>
Total Funds	\$9,464,200,730	\$174,326,985	\$9,638,527,715
Less:			
Federal Funds	1,631,199,767	121,108,595	1,752,308,362
Federal Recovery Funds	413,145,927	680,807,963	1,093,953,890
Other Funds	26,848,083	(9,950,728)	16,897,355
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,071,193,777</b>	<b>\$791,965,830</b>	<b>\$2,863,159,607</b>
State General Funds	7,393,006,953	(617,638,845)	6,775,368,108